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WILL FIGHT IF PANAMA **GETS AWAY**

Colombia Threatens to Commence Hostilities Against the United States if Present Situation Continues.

General Reves Will Try to Avert This Calamity and Goes to Washington.

HAS PLAN OF SETTLEMENT

Would Appease Panama's Wrath by Reconstructing Colombian Republic, Panama the Capital.

Colon, Nov. 20.-General Reves, who ame to the isthmus on a peace mission representing his government, said in

"The day I left Bogota, the 11th instant, United States Minister Beaupre was well, though a little anxious. I assured your minister he was in no

"This morning Admiral Coghian informed me officially that the United States would prevent the landing of Colombian troops on any part of the sthmus, I promised Admiral Coghian that Colombia would not take such action until I reached Washington. whither I am proceeding.

"I also told Admiral Coghlan that if my efforts at Washington failed to bring about some arrangement concern ing the present situation on the isthmus satisfactory to Colombia, the United States would have to fight the entire Colombian people, and that it would be n second Boer war,

"I am going to Washington for the purpose of doing my utmost to amicably arrange affairs.

"Colombia is in desperation. I doubt if the Washington government or President Roosevelt, for whom I have the the highest respect, realizes the ser-Suspess of establishing this precedent. A large German colony in Rio Grande de Sul, Brazil, is declared to be inclir Panama will stimulate.

"The government of Colombia is receiving the sympathy of all South America, which is fearful of further sees. American territorial aggrandizement in this direction.

"I may propose, when in Washington, a plan contemplating the re-entrance of Panama into the Colombian union and moving the Colombian capital to Panama city. I am sure that this idea will receive the support of all Colombians. I do not just know what my course of action will be, but I am going to Washington in the interests of Colombia and civilization."

TOURIST CARS CUT DOWN.

Chicago, Nov. 20.-Action has been taken by the western and transcontitourist sleeping cars. The railroads, as well as the Pulman company, assert they have been losing money on the tourist car business.

According to the action taken by the railroads, tourist sleeping cars will no trains but will be carried three days in the week, as a special section to the regular train west of Ogden and El Paso. The tourist sleeping car service of the roads east of El Paso and Ogden will be arranged so that they reach the Southern Pacific connection at those points on certain days three times a Noted Nebraskan Is Entertained

W. W. BANKS RECOMMEDED

Delegation Decides on Him for Deputy District Attorney.

Washington, Nov. 20 .- (Special)-At meeting of the Oregon congressional delegation, held today, it was unanimously decided to recommend the name of William W. Banks, of Portland, for the position of United States deputy district attorney for Oregon, his term of office to commence on the first of January next. The present incumbent is Edwin Mays.

CHARLES HALDERMAN.

THE POPULAR CHOICE.

News of the determination of the delegation to recommend Mr. Banks was received in Astoria with expressions of satisfaction. The appointee is a young attorney of Portland and was a member of the last legislature. He was a strong Fulton man, and made a remarkable speech in behalf of the Astoria candidate for the United States senate. During the course of his address he remarked that he would vote President Roca's organ, publishes, says for Senator Fulton "If I have to live a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres, in a barn with battens on it." The Argentine, an article in which it says remark became famous at the time and the recognition of the new government there was unconcealed admiration for of Panama by the United States is the courage of the young man in voting fully justified by the state of anarchy

for a short time and became quite pop

The appointment of Mr. Banks can not be regarded as a reflection on Mr. Mays, or as an indication that the incumbent is off polor politically. To the contrary, he has made an excellent dep uty and stands well with the delegation. However, he has already served two years more than his term, and the appointment of Mr. Banks means only that the delegation is anxious to give all the young men a chance,

WIFE THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD.

Philadelphia, Nov. 20.-Edward Wayne has been arrested on a com plaint charging him with having desert ed his wife 19 years ago. Thinking the body of a soldier in the alms house at Cleveland was that of her husband Mrs. Wayne buried it and collected the life insurance. She had supported herself for the last 19 years and never doubted that her husband was dead until recently when he was identified in this city by his son.

QUEENAN OUTFIGHTS SEIGER. Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 20 .- Perry

Queenan of Seattle, and Charles Seiger, of New York, fought 20 rounds to a draw tonight before a big crowd. Queenan had the best of the bout,

SEVERE FIGHTING BEGINS

San Domingo Rebels Are Bombarding the Capital.

Santo Domingo, Thursday, Nov. 19,-The French cruiser Jurieu 4 la Graviere arrived here today and landed guards for the protection of the con-

Severe fighting was begun today. The insurgents are bombarding the town, and their attack is to be vigorously resisted by the efforts. No great damage has thus far been done.

Fighting continues to the south, but the results, so far as is known, are favorable to the government.

CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.

Washington, Nov. 20 .- A mail report to the state department from United States Minister Powell, dated Santo Domingo, October 20, furnishes the first official explanation of the existing revolution on the island. It is stated that General Morales, governor of tuerto Plata, became disgruntled because he was refused a cabinet position by President Wos y Gil, and, putindependence, which the success of the Jiminez interests. Minister Powell secretary of the Pacific Lumber Commingo and forcibly removed two refu-

CHARGES AGAINST

Accused of Having Given Permit to Gambling Den.

Washington, Nov. 20 .- A summons ssued by the senate militaries affairs committee was served tonight on Ernest Lee Conant, of the New York law firm of Page & Conant, citing him to appear before the committee tomorrow in connection with the charges against Brigadier-General Wood, made in an effort to prevent the confirmation as major-general. Conant has been in nental roads to lessen the number of Washington several days, prosecuting the Cuban cases before the Spanish claims committee.

It is understood this subpoena was issued at the request of Major Rathbone. Conant will be expected to give testimony as to the character of the longer be run through on the regular Jai Alae, an alleged gambling establish ment which General Wood is charged with having given a 10-year concession to operate in Havana.

RECEPTION OF WM. J. BRYAN

by Prominent Men-

New York, Nov. 20,-W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, who is visiting England, for the first time, devoted the opening day of his stay here to sightseeing. says a London dispatch to the Herald. He called on the American ambassador to whom he had a letter from Secretary Hay, went to Westminister Abbey, saw the king and queen of Italy on their way to the Guild hall, and heard H. H. Asquith deliver a speech. Tonight he is going to hear Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. Bryan said the Asquith meeting had a strangely familiar atmosphere and that the arguments are not at all foreign. He was greatly surprised on entering the hall to receive recognition by a round of applause.

Ambassador Choate will entertainMr. Bryan at Carleton house terrace where he will be given an opportunity of meeting a large number of men prominent in British public life. Secretary White also expects to entertain the visitor at a dinner to be given in the near future at which it is expected Premier Balfour will be present.

RECOGNITION IS JUSTIFIED.

New York, Nov. 20,-The Tribuna,

MORTENSEN IS EXECUTED IN JAIL YARD

Utah Murderer Shot to Death for Having Waylaid Manager of Salt Lake Lumber Concern.

Calmly Walked to Seat and Fell Dead Instantly With Four Bullets in His Heart.

TOM HORN ALSO EXECUTED on the first ballot. The most sensa

Wyoming Cowboy Walks Smilingly to the Gallows to Pay Penalty for Murder of Nickle.

Salt Lake, Nov. 20 .- Peter Morten

sen, the slayer of James R. Hay, was shot to death in the southeast passage of the state penitentiary yard at 10:20 this morning. Declaring his innocence to the last, he walked to the chair placed against the heavy stone wall of the prison yard without weakening, and bade the guards and deputy sheriff good-bye with no tremor in his voice. Mortensen was killed instantly, the four bullets from the rifles of the executing squad concealed behind a thick curtain in the door of the blacksmith shop, 12 yards distant, piercing the white target pinned over his heart. When the shots rang out Mortensen's body lunged forward in the chair, his head dropped on his breast and his hands, strapped to the chair, quivered a moment and then were still. Examination showed that all four bullets had gone clear through his body and into the boards behind the chair.

There were five of the executoner and one of the rifles used centained a blank cartridge.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

Salt Lake, Nov. 20.-Peter Mortensen was shot to death for the murder of ting himself in communication with James R. Hay, on the night of Decem-Jiminez, started a revolution by turn- ber 16, 1901. The day following a report was circulated that Hay, who was also reports that Dominican officers en- pany, had absconded, taking with him tered the French legation at Santo Do- \$3,800, collected from Mortensen on a bill due the company.

Mortensen was indebted to the company for material used in his construc- his neck. tion business and had been urged to make a payment. December 16 he called at the office of the company, said he had the money in gold concealed in his cellar and asked Hay to come around that night and get it. The men were neighbors. Hay left his house stating that he was going to Morten- off in California.

sen's to collect some money. That was the just seen of him alive. December 19 Hay's body was found

buried in a shallow grave in the middie of a pasture not far from Mortensen's home. A bullet hole through the Mortensen was immediately arrested. Soon after Mrs. Mortensen left Salt Lake with her children, without calling on her husband to say good bye. The laws of Utah do not permit a wife to testify against her husband, but it was learned that Mrs. Mortensen considered him guilty of the murder because of the fact that he had gone out with Hay that night and remained over an hour. When he returned he was ghastly pale and cautioned his wife not to tell any one he had left the

A strong chain of circumstantial evidence was woven around Mortensen at the trial and he was pronounced guilty tional incident of the trial was the testimony of James Sharp, Hay's father in-law, who stated that he had known the night before the body was discovered, that Hay had been murdered by Mortensen, because "God had revealed it to him." This so-called "revelation" testimony was made the basis of an appeal to the supreme court for a new trial, which, however, was denied, the jurors stating that this had not infuenced their decision in any way.

The choice of death by shooting hanging is given the condemned in Utah and Mortensen chose to meet his death by the bullets of the prison

EXECUTION OF TOM HORN.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 20,-Tom Horn and smiling. His neck was broken by the fall of the trap. The executempt on the part of Horn's friends to

fessed the murder of Willie Nickell (sixed 14), but told his spiritual advisers that he had been guilty of crimes but not willfully so. Ten minutes before he was bound for

the scaffold he lay on his cot smoking a cigar and looking out at the spectators. Frank and Charles Irwin sang a sentimental cowboy song and were allowed to shake hands with Horn. Horn's last word was to Joseph Cahil, county clerk, who assisted on the scaf-

Horn was suspected of several murders, but he had hosts of friends in ernor refused, however, to arrest the fold Horn joked his friends, and play- tomorrow. The socialist ele fully ducked his head into the noose as the sheriff sought to place it about

CANOLE LOSES DECISION.

was given the decision over Martin Canole at the end of the 20th round at Colma tonight. The fight was one of shortly after danner that evening, the best lightweight events ever pulled ment, so called, be reaffirmed, and this

DEBATE WILL **BE HASTENED** BY MINORITY

Democratic Senators Will Confine Discussion of Cuban Bill to Measure Itself and Not Side Issues.

Action Decided Upon at Harmonious Caucus Held Yesterday Evening.

ADJOURNMENT WEDNESDAY

Session Will End Then if Republicaus Agree to Vote After One Week of Debate on the Bill.

Washington, Nov.20.-The democratc senators, at a caucus held tonight, its merits and confine the discussion to the bill itself, without bringing in collateral questions. This conclu was reached at the end of a long con ference. The session was said to have been quite harmonious and the decision reached was practically una The attitude of the democrats early action on the Cuban bill and the prospects are bright for final adjournday, with an agreement to a vote after a week of debate in the regular session if the republicans make the minority such a proposition

The senate held its longest sitting of the session today, beginning at noon and concluding at 2:15 p. m. The enbill to the committee on foreign rela tions. The political line was sharply drawn, republicans advocating reference and democrats contending that the measure should go to the committee on finance. The motion prevailed without division.

GOMPERS WILL BE OPPOSED.

Boston, Nov. 20.-Samuel Gompers course of the law. Even on the scaf- when the organization elects officers the convention held a caucus today and decided to name Delegate Ernest Kreft, of the Philadelphia Typographical Union, as its candidate for the presidency. The feature of the proce today was the acceptance of the re-San Francisco, Nov. 20 .- James Britt port on the executive council's report with reference to the brewery workers' troubles. The committee's report recommended that the Cincinnati agree-

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